



Holdbrook Primary and Nursery School

Nursery Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term - 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a good Summer break.



Communication and Language:

This term there will be a focus on new vocabulary as well as lots of opportunities for speaking and listening sessions. The children will be focusing on understanding who, what and where in simple questions e.g. who's that? What's that? We will also be encouraging children to question why things happen and give explanations e.g. who, what, when and how.

Physical Development:



The children will be focusing on developing their fine and gross motor skills. This will include beginning to use the three fingers (tripod grip) to hold writing tools, imitate drawing simple shapes such as circles and lines and can copy some letters from their name. PE will be on a Thursday morning. Please ensure you send a pair of trainers into school as children will also begin to learn how to change their own shoes before their PE lesson.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

This term we will spend a lot of time settling into our new setting, getting to know each other and start building new friendships. There is a focus on the children working and playing together in groups. We will be encouraging children to join in and to seek out others to share experiences with. We will also learn how to become more independent, for example, going to the toilet, choosing and cutting our own fruit and learn how to be kind and polite.

English:

During English we will be focusing on shared reading, speaking and listening as well as retelling stories and learning nursery rhymes. Writing: We will be encouraging children to distinguish between the marks they make. We will also be encouraging children to give meaning to the marks they draw and paint. The children will continue self-registration when they come into Nursery. This will help children to recognise their name and the letters in it.





Mathematics:

This half term there is a focus on continuing to develop children's mathematical language and counting skills. This will include beginning to use the language of size e.g. small, big and large. The language of quantities e.g. more, less, few and many.

Understanding of the World:

We will be working on learning how to operate simple equipment. Also focusing on developing skills in making toys work by pressing parts or lifting flaps to achieve effects such as sound, movements or new images.



Expressive arts and design:

The children will be joining in with their favourite songs. Also joining in with dancing and ring games. The children will also be experimenting with colours. This will include exploring how colours can be changed.

Reading:

Reading books will be sent home weekly and changed on a Thursday. It would benefit your child greatly if you could please spend some time each night reading to them and talking about their book – any feedback can be written in your child's Reading Record. Please ensure all book bags with reading book and record are in school every day.

Ms Biles (EYFS Leader)

Ms Brock (Nursery Nurse)

Ms Ray (One to one support)